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Subject: RE: request for meeting on cumulative risk guidelines
Attachments: RE: ORD Paper on Cumulative Risks and Impacts

Sorry, I've been slipping email messages out while in meetings but I haven't been able to really concentrate so I'm just now looking at the letter. This will require strategizing, since the document went through peer view in the summer and we wouldn't normally seek public comment after addressing peer review comments. I'm thinking there's a path forward, though, as the document reviewed this summer is just on planning and problem formulation, it's not the end of the discussion on Cum Risk.

I'm forwarding an email from Maria to Charles Lee that includes the Cum Risk Framework so you can see what we're discussing.

Also, finally adding Carolina to the exchange since she'll know where we are on the cum risk document.

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I see they are asking for a public comment period.

-Emma

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Hmmm, I hadn't had a chance to look closely yet. That is an interesting group.

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Hi Mary,

That sounds good. Since Lou is out, I expect we won't have a response until next week. I'm curious why they added the other three people to the email.

Thanks

Liz

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Thanks, Liz. I think it might be too complicated to cover quickly tomorrow. I'll see if there's a good time to connect with Emma and Lou, and I can also get an update on the timeline for the Cum Risk Guidelines from Carolina et al.

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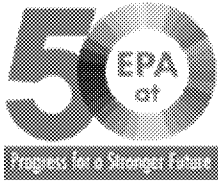
Hi Mary

If you want, we can add it to our list to discuss tomorrow morning – up to you. I'd like to be done at 9:20, btw.

Thanks

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Great, thanks, Liz. The RAF Cum Risk document has been peer reviewed and the staff are in the process of addressing comments. As you know, Cum Risk is focused on risk assessment, while Cum Impact analysis can be much broader. Is there a good time to get together and strategize?

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Hi Mary and Kacee

See request below. We'd like to strategize about next steps.

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Hello Liz and Danielle:

This just came through. Given the subject matter, which is a guideline being developed under the RAF, this seems to be in the realm of the Chief Scientist. Thus, I am thinking that Wayne would be the right person from ORD to be involved in this conversation.

Chris

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Dear Dear Messrs. Carbonell, Frey, Cascio, Dawson and Gillespie,

The undersigned groups and individuals write to seek a meeting with you regarding cumulative risk assessment in light of recent reporting that the EPA is advancing work on a new document titled "Guidelines for Cumulative Risk Assessment Planning and Problem Formulation," and that the Agency is evaluating its current legal authority to address cumulative risks and impacts.

We appreciate that you have a lot on your plates, however this is a matter of utmost importance to our organizations and their members, and one that EPA must get right in order to protect public health and advance the Biden-Harris Administration's stated goal of environmental justice.

If you are able to provide a few dates and times, we will get back to you promptly with a time that works for us.

We are very grateful for the work you are doing and look forward to meeting with you before the end of the year. Happy Thanksgiving!

Best,

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